

## CLAIMS

The embodiments of an invention in which an exclusive property or right is claimed are defined as follows:

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1. A utility basket, comprising:
- a bottom floor;
- 10 a left wall and a right wall located above and connected to said bottom floor;
- a back wall located between said left wall and said right wall and above said bottom floor, wherein said back wall is connected to said left wall, said right wall and said bottom floor;
- 15 a front wall having a gap formed thereof through which items enter and exit said utility basket; and
- a front door coupled with said front wall, wherein said front door opens and closes to permit items to enter and exit said utility basket through said gap when said front door is in an open position, while maintaining said items within said utility basket when said front door is in a closed position.
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2. The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door opens and closes vertically.
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3. The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door opens and closes horizontally.

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4. The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door comprises a plurality of foldable panels.
5. The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door comprises a plurality of rollably connected panels that are retractable into a scroll configuration.
6. The utility basket of claim 1 further comprising at least one handle.
7. The utility basket of claim 6 wherein said at least one handle comprises an extendable handle.
8. The utility basket of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of wheels connected to said bottom floor of said utility basket.
9. The utility basket of claim 1 further comprising at least one wheel connected to said bottom floor of said utility basket.
10. The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door comprises a flexible sheet.
11. The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door comprises a handle.
12. The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door comprises a locking mechanism.
13. The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said left wall, said right wall, said back wall, said bottom floor, said front wall and said front door are formed from a plastic material.

14. The utility basket of claim 1 further comprising a cavity formed from at least one wall of said utility basket, such that said front door slides into said cavity in when said front door is moving toward an open position and out of said cavity when said front door is moving toward a closed position.

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15. A utility basket, comprising:

a front panel, a back panel, a right panel, a left panel and a floor;

10 a gap formed thereof in at least one of said front panel, said back panel, said right panel or said left panel; and

a door coupled with said at least one of said front panel, said back panel, said right panel or said left panel at said gap, wherein said door can open and close to permit items to enter and exit said utility basket through said gap when said front door is in an open position, while maintaining said items within said utility basket when said front door is in a closed position.

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17. The utility basket of claim 15 wherein said front door opens and closes vertically within said gap.

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18. The utility basket of claim 15 wherein said utility basket further comprises at least one wheel and a handle.

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19. The utility basket of claim 15 wherein said door includes a locking mechanism for locking said door in plural opened and/or closed position within said gap.

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4 a bottom floor, a left wall and a right wall located above and connected to said bottom floor;

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a back wall located between said left wall and said right wall and above said bottom floor, wherein said back wall is connected to said left wall, said right wall and said bottom floor;

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a front wall having a gap formed thereof through which items enter and exit said utility basket;

at least one extendable handle connected to said utility basket;

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at least one wheel connected to said bottom floor of said utility basket;

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a front door connected to said front wall, wherein said front door opens and closes to permit items to enter and exit said utility basket through said gap when said front door is in an open position, while maintaining said items within said utility basket when said front door is in a closed position; and

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a cavity formed from at least one wall of said utility basket, such that said front door slides into said cavity in when said front door is moving toward an open position and out of said cavity when said front door is moving toward a closed position.

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